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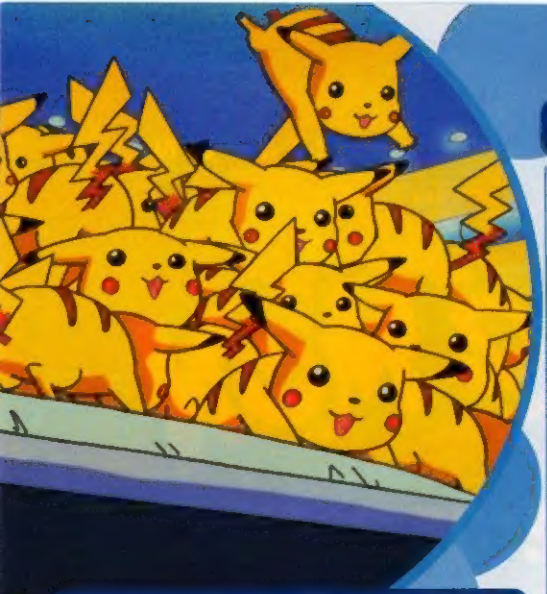

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!

Can you imagine your life without Pikachu in it? It's hard to believe that only a few years ago, Pokémon didn't exist. It's even harder to think that we didn't even get addicted to Pokémon until about a year ago.

When the very first episode of *Pokémon* debuted in America on Sept. 9, 1998, we got to see Ash Ketchum and Pikachu meet for the first time. Ash was a boy just like you or me: He wanted to practice to be the best at something, and his choice was training Pokémon. The first one he encountered was Pikachu—a strange, yellow, cute, electric mouse. Unfortunately for Ash, little Pikachu didn't want to behave, at least until they became friends and learned to cooperate.

It was the beginning of a friendship, not just between the two of them but between all of us and this cool new show. Each episode featured strange new Pokémon who battled each other with odd powers and antics. Not only did we want to see these exotic Pokémon, but we wanted to see if Ash would be a Pokémon Master some day. We're rooting for him, because deep down we want to be Pokémon Masters, too.

We want to be Masters so much that we're playing the *Pokémon* card game every day, we've watched each episode of the cartoon, we've seen the movie at least 10 times and bought all the toys. But wait—there's something new! Pokémon *marbles*?

Wow...I think we've gotta catch 'em all!

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SIMPLY MARBLOUS

YOUR FIRST LOOK AT THE NEW COLLECTIBLE POKÉMON MARBLES

You've never seen Poké Balls like *this* before! Toy Biz had a big job on their hands. There are a lot of Pokémon toys already for sale, so when challenged to come up with a whole new kind of collectible craze, it made a lot of toy designers scratch their heads.

Pokémon is one of the hugest phenomenons to grab kids' attention in many years, so whatever they came up with had to be something good. Something exciting and new, yet something everyone could understand and want to snatch up. What they came up with combines an age-old classic with the hottest characters of 1999.

Coming in January 2000 is the first wave of Toy Biz's collectible marbles line. Featuring an actual Poké Ball that shoots the owner's Pokémon into battle to collect and trade, these toys are the closest you'll ever come to actually being a Pokémon Master in the cartoon! Interested? Then read on, Poké-fans!

THE MARBLES

Pokémon fans will have something new to buy in January when they can finally get their hands on these glass toys—each of the Pokémon Collector Marbles will have an image of one of the 150 different characters with its name and number.

What they'll have to *search* for, though, are the limited Power Marbles, with a special rainbow-mirror effect added to the marbles for collectibility. The Power Marbles for Pokémon #01-#50 will be in the first series of pouches, and #51-#100 will be in the second series (see page 6). The final group of #101-#150 won't be available until March with the Pokémon Marble Collector Cases (see page 8).

When you're going to trade the marbles with your friends, you'll have to check their value on the chart supplied with the Shooter (see page 4). Some Pokémon types are more powerful than others, so you'll have to trade more to get it.

The marbles aren't just for trading, though. They can be used to play any of the standard games marbles are usually used for (see page 12 for suggestions on how to play).

"IN" POWER SHOOTS THE MARBLES UP CLOSE

#25 PIKACHU

Ash's favorite Pokémon is charged and ready to win battles for its master, as long as you treat it right!

DIDJA KNOW? If there are too many Pikachus together during a storm, they can attract lightning! • Ash's Pikachu has won 21 out of the 27 battles it's been in. • Pikachu doesn't want to evolve into a Raichu. It's happy just the way it is.

Poké Ball Collector Marble Shooter

Ever want to pretend that you were a Pokémon trainer? Now you can, with your very own Poké Ball!

At least that's what the Pokémon Collector Marble Shooter looks exactly like. What it does is it holds up to eight marbles (it comes with eight, including two Power Marbles) on an internal rotating tray. You use the one you want by using a special built-in magnifying glass, rotate it into position, light it up and shoot it onto the Pokémon Battle Mat!

In addition to the Mat, the Shooter comes with a Marble Value Chart to guide your trading deals with your friends. On sale in January, the Shooter sells for $14.99. ●

DON'T SHOOT: At least not until you get yourself one of these cool Poké Ball Collector Marble Shooters!

"In" Power Shoots the Marbles Up Close

#143 SNORLAX

Big, sleeping, snoring Snorlax is as ready as it can be. Good luck to anyone who tries to move this big lazy bones!

DIDJA KNOW? Snorlax is the perfect couch potato—if there were couches big enough for it! All it does is eat and sleep! • Have you ever seen Snorlax in a battle? Neither have we! • By far, Snorlax is the fattest Pokémon. It weighs 1,104 pounds!

HAVE A BALL

The Poké Ball Collector Marble Shooter is a fun and easy way to play with your Pokémon Marbles!

"IN" POWER SHOOTS THE MARBLES UP CLOSE

#125 ELECTABUZZ

Electabuzz is at full power! Don't shoot him at any furry Pokémon or all their fur will stand on end!

DIDJA KNOW? Pikachu has powerful electric attacks, but it's got nothing on Electabuzz, who weighs as much as five Pikachus! • Watch out if too many Electabuzzes are hanging around a power plant. They could cause a blackout. • Electabuzz has won four out of the five battles it's been in. Good job!

The Pouches

Marbles aren't the only things collectors will be lusting after as the Pokémon Marbles hit the stores. The main way you can buy the marbles is in these special Pokémon Collector Marble Pouches. Featuring one of 16 different characters on the front, the pouches are just as exciting and collectible as the marbles themselves.

The pouches, which come filled with 10 marbles each (eight Pokémon Collector Marbles and two Power Marbles), also have a hefty draw string to keep the marbles safe during transportation to a friend's house for trading or showing off.

The pouches retail for $7.99 and will be released in two series of eight. On the next page is a checklist, so you can keep track while you're catching 'em all.

IN THE BAG
Keep your Pokémon Marbles safe in these great-looking pouches!

"In" Power Shoots the Marbles Up Close

#06 CHARIZARD

Proud to be on this shiny Power Marble, Charizard is ready to take on any Pokémon with its powerful flame!

DIDJA KNOW? Charizard is the most evolved form of cute li'l Charmander. Who'da guessed someone so cute could grow that big? • The flame on Charizard's tail isn't for show, it shows how healthy it is. If the flame goes out, it'll die! • We've never seen Charizard lose a battle. *We're* not gonna fight it.

Series One:

- # 04 Charmander
- # 149 Dragonite
- # 106 Hitmonlee
- # 109 Koffing
- # 68 Machamp
- # 52 Meowth
- # 25 Pikachu
- # 112 Rhydon

Series Two:

- # 12 Butterfree
- # 05 Charmeleon
- # 35 Clefairy
- # 133 Eevee
- # 101 Electrode
- # 76 Golem
- # 27 Sandshrew
- # 45 Vileplume

Bag Tags

Each pouch comes with 10 marbles—eight Pokémon Collector Marbles and two Power Marbles!

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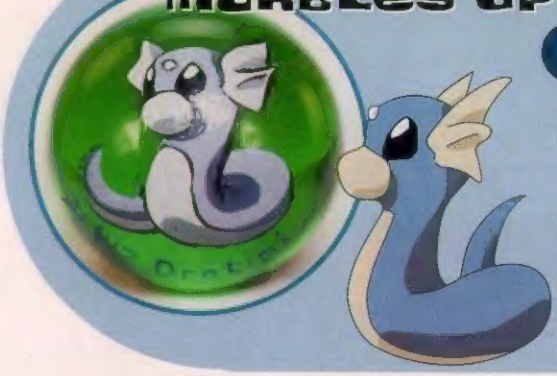


#147 DRATINI

The mysterious and legendary Dratini can't wait to see its marble. After all, Toy Biz had to go far underwater to ask Dratini's permission!

DIDJA KNOW? For a long time, Dratinis were considered to be mythical. Only recently when some were found underwater did people know they were real. • Dratinis are actually Dragon Pokémon, but they're the gentlest dragons we've ever seen. • Dratinis are 5'11" tall but only weigh 7 pounds!

COLLECTOR MARBLE CASES

Soon after the Pokémon Marbles go on sale, the Pokémon Collector Marble Cases will help fans build up their collection.

The eight, different round marble cases will feature a raised sculpture of a popular Pokémon character the same way the pouches have Pokémon on them. They'll each hold and include eight marbles, including two of the rare Power Marbles series.

A belt hook on the back of the cases lets kids fasten the collector case securely to their belts, but these things aren't just for carrying the marbles. The cases also feature a built-in magnifying glass so any of the marbles can be viewed inside the case.

Great for quick runs to a competition, the Pokémon Collector Marble Case, with a suggested retail price of $7.99, lets fans just show off their most prized marbles. You might want to stack your water-type marbles in a case with a water Pokémon on it, just to keep track. Here's a checklist so you can plan in advance:

- # 59 Arcanine
- # 15 Beedrill
- # 104 Cubone
- # 107 Hitmonchan
- # 26 Raichu
- # 07 Squirtle
- # 03 Venusaur
- # 145 Zapdos

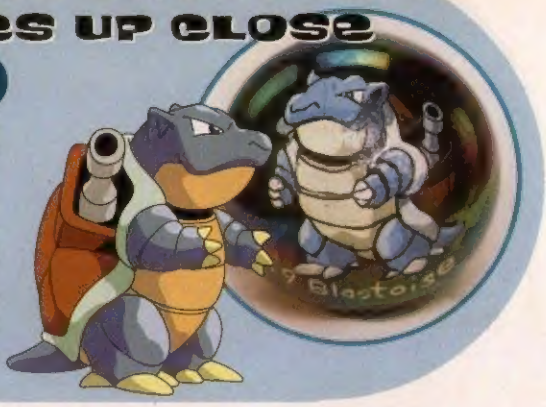
SPACE CASES
There's room for eight marbles in here!

"IN" POWER SHOOTS THE MARBLES UP CLOSE

#09 BLASTOISE

Blastoise is no stranger to battle! It's used to tackling its opponents at high speeds, so you'd better shoot your marbles fast!

DIDJA KNOW? Blastoise is one of the most brutal Pokémon around. Its attacks are bites and skull bashings! • Can you believe mean ol' Blastoise is the most evolved form of cute li'l Squirtle? • How does it get so fast when it tackles its opponents? Those are pressurized water jets on its shell, that's how!



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JUST IN CASE
Use these colorful, handy cases to proudly display your Pokémon Marbles collection!

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#101 ELECTRODE

Being a marble is no big deal for Electrode. It's used to being round!

DIDJA KNOW? If you see an Electrode, stay away. They're known to explode for no reason! • Electrodes are only 3' 11" but they store powerful electric energy under very high pressure. • From far away, Electrodes look like giant Poké Balls!

Be a Marble Expert:

They're small, round and hard. If that's all you know about marbles, you're really missing out.

Nowadays, most kids have played with marbles, but once there was a time—long before "Nintendo" was even a word—when those little orbs caused heated competition for serious marble players around the country. If you want to play with your marbles in a similar fashion, two people should set up four marbles each on a playmat and take turns using a shooter to try to knock out your opponent's marbles. Each one you knock out, you keep, or is worth one point, if you don't want to play for keeps.

To really be a marble expert, here's a handy guide to marble lingo:

ALLEY Any great playing marble is an "alley," but marble enthusiasts generally use the term to refer to their *best* marbles.

BOSS MARBLE Another word for a "shooter," or the marble the player actually launches at the others. Whatever Pokémon marble you're about to shoot would be called your "boss."

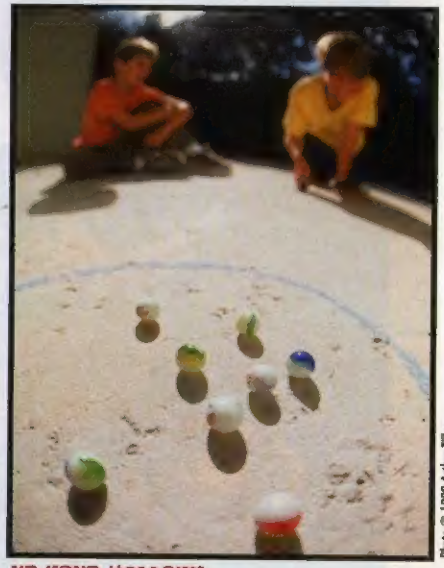
BOUNCER In most old marble games, you'd roll your marble into the circle. But if you threw it in, it was called a bouncer. Technically, all the Pokémon marbles are bouncers since they're tossed in by your Poké Ball.

COMIC Most marbles are just colored glass, but if you've got a marble with a comic character on it, collectors call it a "comic." Serious marble collectors would probably call the Pokémon marbles "comics."

SHOOTER There used to be a larger marble the players would shoot with at the smaller marbles in the play circle. The Pokémon marbles are all the same size, so just call whatever marble you're about to shoot at the time a "shooter."

TAW A normal-sized marble used as a shooter. Like we just said, all the Pokémon marbles are the same size, so technically you'd call the marble you're about to shoot the "taw." But that sounds weird, doesn't it?

●RUSSELL BURLINGAME



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UP YOUR "ALLEY"

Bone up on your marble jargon and you'll be talking like the pros in no time!

"In" Power Shoots the Marbles Up Close

#52 MEOWTH

Meowth insisted that we show its Power Marble. It's got such a big ego!

DIDJA KNOW? Meowth isn't just a Cat Pokémon, it's a Scratch Cat! Can you guess what its favorite attack is? • Meowth is the only Pokémon that speaks English. Team Rocket taught it! • Poor Meowth has won only four of the 28 battles it's been in.

LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS

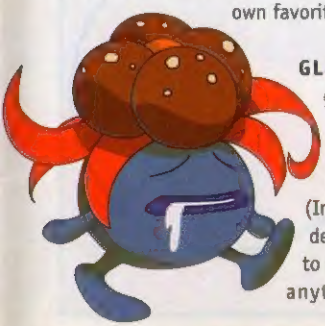
Wanna impress your friends while playing with your Poké-marbles? Then check out these super-cool Poké-facts!

TAIL SHAKE When Pikachus meet they don't rub noses or shake hands—they interlock their tails.
FACE OFF The bony head of Cubone (right) is not part of it. It's only a helmet made from the skull of an ancient Pokémon. No one knows what a Cubone really looks like.
SMARTY PANTS Pokémon aren't stupid, but one of them's the smartest of all. It's Alakazam, whose I.Q. is a whopping 5,000!
COPY CATS Which two Pokémon are named after famous martial arts stars? Hitmonchan is based on *Rumble in the Bronx*'s Jackie Chan, while Hitmonlee is named for 1970s kung-fu master, Bruce Lee.
SPELLING BEE What do you get when you spell Ekans and Arbok backwards? "Snake" and "Kobra!" Pretty tricky, huh?

● **MATTHEW SAUNDERS**

PLAYING FAVORITES

Ask anybody who their favorite Pokémon is, and more often than not they'll tell you it's Pikachu or Charmander or Bulbasaur. While they're perfectly fine choices, we have our own favorites...



GLOOM (Left)You gotta love a Pokémon that does nothing but drool all day! (In case you're wondering, it does this to attract prey. Why anything would be attracted to that is beyond us.)
SLOWPOKE First of all, it's a "dopey" Pokémon. Second of all, it's incredibly slow. And lastly, it is so far removed from reality that it takes five seconds for it to feel pain when under attack.
KOFFING Say that you can't find a seat in a crowded movie theater. Send in a Koffing and it'll clear the room instantly!
JYNX You're hosting a party, but nobody wants to be the first on the dance floor! What do you do? Send in a Jynx! It's seductive gyrations induce even the most timid to cut the rug!
SNORLAX All it does is sleep, eat and gain weight. Sleep, eat and gain weight. This guy's our hero!

● **CARMELO CAYLO**

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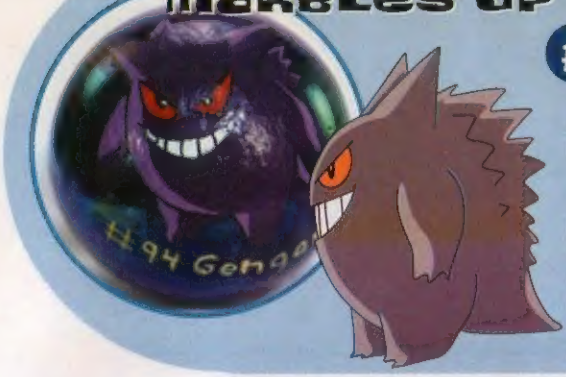

#94 GENGAR

Scary ol' Gengar doesn't want Meowth to show it up, so it insisted we show you its Power Marble, too!

DIDJA KNOW? Gengar may be a Shadow Pokémon, but it weighs 89 pounds. Now how did a shadow get to weigh that much? • Gengar was the very first Pokémon shown on the cartoon. Well, it tied with Nidorino anyway. • Gengar has one of the weirdest attacks: It eats dreams!

DRAW YOUR OWN!

DO YOU HAVE THE SKILL?

In the areas below, try to copy the Pokémon into the empty marbles. Can you do it? Try it in pencil first so you can erase any mistakes and get your picture just right.

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#116 HORSEA

Horsea thinks marbles are a good idea, since it's used to shooting Pokémon with its weird nose!

DIDJA KNOW? Horsea actually shoots precision blasts of ink with its nose, mostly against flying bugs. • You might think Horsea is a Sea Horse Pokémon, but you'd be wrong. It's a Dragon. • Horsea doesn't just shoot ink with that nose of its. It also has a smokescreen attack.

BONUS PREVIEW: ANIMAL MAGNETISM

Don't put this preview away yet—Toy Biz isn't done!

In addition to the Marbles, Toy Biz has transformed some of our favorite Pokémon into magnets—but not ordinary magnets.

Each Poké-Magnet, when pressed, makes a cool sound! Now when you draw your own Pokémon artwork and want to hang it on the refrigerator, you can use one of these Magnets instead of your mom and dad's boring ones.

On sale in January, the Magnets sell for $4.99 each.

- #191 Electrode
- #109 Koffing
- #52 Meowth
- #25 Pikachu

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#36 CLEFABLE

Clefable is ready to battle for its Master, but it'd rather be hiding!

DIDJA KNOW? Clefable is a timid fairy Pokémon who usually runs and hides when it sees people! • Clefable is the evolved version of Clefairy, which is actually less shy. Strange that when it evolves, it gets more timid, right? • Clefable is no pushover. It weighs a respectable 88 pounds.

TOY BIZ

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Gotta catch 'em all!

THE COOLEST NEW WAY TO COLLECT POKÉMON.

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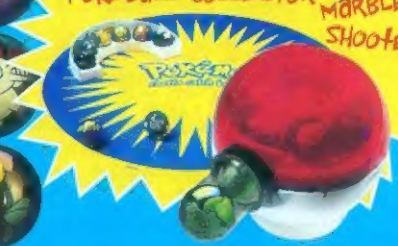
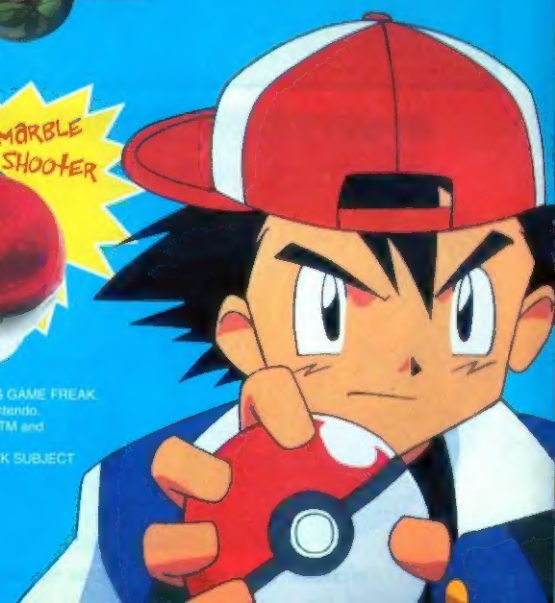
Launch into the newest way to collect Pokémon with the new Pokéball Collector Marble Shooter and Collector Marble Pouches. Collect and trade over 300 Pokémon Marbles with your friends – including 150 must-have Power Marbles. So roll into the next wave of the Pokémon craze with **POKÉMON COLLECTOR MARBLES.**

2 Power Marbles in every pack!

POKÉBALL COLLECTOR MARBLE SHOOTER





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